Remarks

The forgoing amendments to the specification are sought to update the application priority information shown in the specification, to add sequence identifiers to the specification, to correct inadvertent typographical errors, and to enter the sequence listing for the application into the appropriate location in the specification. Therefore, these amendments introduce no new matter.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, the sequence listing sought to be entered by the foregoing amendments contains no new matter, and the paper and computer-readable copies of the sequence listing attached hereto are the same.

It is not believed that extensions of time or additional fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in the accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37C.F.R. §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor and/or any additional fees necessary for entry and consideration of the foregoing (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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